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*House Meets at 12:30 p.m. for Morning Hour and
2:00 p.m. for Legislative Business
(No Votes Before 5:00 p.m.)*

Anticipated Floor Action:

H.R. 3156—Awarding the Congressional Gold Medal to Nelson Mandela

**H.R. 1847—Telemarketing Fraud Prevention Act (Agreeing to Senate
Amendments)**

H.R. 3796—Rogue River National Forest Land Conveyance

H.R. 3069—Advisory Council on California Indian Policy Extension Act

H.R. 3824—Fastener Quality Act Amendments

H.R. 3035—National Drought Policy Act

**H.Res. 399—Urging Congress and the President to Fully Fund the Individuals
with Disabilities Education Act**

H.Res. 401—Sense of the House that Social Promotion Should Be Ended



Bills Considered Under Suspension of the Rules

Floor Situation: The House will consider the following eight bills under suspension of the rules as its first order of business today. Each is debatable for 40 minutes, may not be amended, and requires a two-thirds majority vote for passage.

H.R. 3156—Presenting a Congressional Gold Medal to Nelson Mandela authorizes the president to present, on behalf of Congress, a gold medal of appropriate design to Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela in recognition of his life-long dedication to abolishing apartheid and promoting of reconciliation among the people of the Republic of South Africa. The bill authorizes appropriations up to \$30,000 to cover the cost of providing the medal. The actual amount spent for the medal is recouped by the U.S. Mint through the sale of authentic bronze reproductions of the medal. The bill also honors Linda and Peter Biehl of La Quinta, California, for the forgiveness and compassion

they have shown, in the spirit of reconciliation, toward the individuals who killed their daughter, Amy Biehl. The bill was introduced by Mr. Houghton on February 4, 1998 and was not considered by a committee.

H.R. 1847—Agreeing to Senate Amendments to the Telemarketing Fraud Prevention Act increases federal criminal penalties found in Title 18 of the U.S. Code for persons convicted of committing fraudulent telemarketing schemes. The bill specifically directs the U.S. Sentencing Commission to list such crimes as general telemarketing fraud—an increase in its sentencing guidelines of four levels. The commission must increase its punishment level guidelines by eight levels for persons convicted of telemarketing crimes against anyone over 55 years of age. In addition, the bill requires that persons convicted of a fraudulent scheme must forfeit any monetary or other proceeds gained through their activities. Finally, the bill expands current law by allowing organizers of such fraudulent acts to be punished by the statute under a conspiracy charge. As amended, the bill adds the U.S. Marshals Service to the list of federal law enforcement agencies whose name and likeness are protected from imitation in clothing or in connection with any commercial enterprise in current law. Additionally, the bill requires phone companies to provide law enforcement officials with the name, address, and physical location of a telemarketing business with a phone number that is linked to conducting incidents of telemarketing fraud, upon written request for the information in connection with a telemarketing fraud investigation. H.R. 1847 was introduced by Mr. Goodlatte on June 10, 1997. The bill passed the House by voice vote on July 8, 1997; the Senate passed the bill, as amended, by unanimous consent on November 9, 1997.

H.R. 3796—Rogue River National Forest Land Conveyance authorizes the Agriculture Secretary to sell or exchange the McAndrews Service Center administrative site in the Rogue River National Forest and use the proceeds to expand and improve the current Bureau of Land Management (BLM) site in Medford, Oregon. This will allow both the BLM and the Forest Service, which currently occupy offices across town from one another, to consolidate office space and facilities. CBO estimates that enactment will result in outlay savings of \$2 million in FY 1999, but will have no net effect on federal spending over the FY 1999-2003 period. The bill was introduced by Mr. Smith (OR); the Resources Committee reported the bill by voice vote.

H.R. 3069—Advisory Council on California Indian Policy Extension Act extends the authority of the Advisory Council on California Indian Policy (ACCIP) through March 31, 2000, and expands the duties of the council. The council's existing authorization expired on March 31, 1998. Specifically, the measure directs the ACCIP to (1) work with Congress, the Interior and HHS Secretaries, and California Indian tribes to implement the proposals and recommendations contained in the council's 1997 report; and (2) submit annual progress reports on the implementation to the relevant House and Senate committees. CBO estimates that enactment will have no significant effect on the federal budget. The bill was introduced by Mr. Miller (CA); the Resources Committee reported the bill by voice vote.

H.R. 3824—Fastener Quality Act Amendments modifies the Fastener Quality Act of 1990 (FQA, *P.L. 101-592*) by exempting from regulation fasteners approved by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), so as to relieve manufacturers of a duplicative regulatory burden. The exemption does not apply to fasteners approved by a consensus standards organization or by any federal agency other than the FAA. In addition, the measure delays the implementation of this FQA rule until June 1, 1999, or 120 days after the Commerce Secretary issues a report on changes needed to the law—whichever is later (presently, the effective date of FQA regulations is June 26, 1998). The Com-

merce Secretary must review the law to ascertain whether other sectors of the manufacturing economy are harmed by outdated or unnecessary regulation. The bill also directs the National Institute of Standards & Technology (NIST) to submit a report to Congress by February 1, 1999, on trends in manufacturing fasteners and on legislative changes needed to reflect current conditions. The bill was introduced by Ms. Morella and Mr. Cook on May 11, 1998, and the Science Committee reported the bill by voice vote on June 9, 1998.

H.R. 3035—National Drought Policy Act establishes a 16-member advisory commission to provide advice and recommendations to the president and Congress to create an integrated federal policy designed to prepare for and respond to drought emergencies. The commission must review current policies on drought emergencies and submit a report, within 18 months of enactment, to the president and Congress detailing recommendations on a national drought policy. The Agriculture Secretary must provide all financial, administrative, and staff support services for the commission. Finally, commission members may not be compensated for service on the panel, but may be reimbursed for eligible travel expenses. Assuming appropriation of necessary amounts, CBO estimates that enactment will cost between \$500,000 and \$1 million over the FY 1999-2003 period. The bill was introduced by Mr. Schiff; the Transportation & Infrastructure Committee reported the bill by voice vote.

H.Res. 399 urges Congress and the president to give programs under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) the highest priority among federal education programs by working to fund the maximum state grant allocation for educating children with disabilities. The resolution was introduced by Mr. Bass et al. and was reported by the Education & Workforce Committee by voice vote.

H.Res. 401 expresses the sense of the House that (1) ending social promotion should be addressed through a coordinated effort by government officials, teachers, and parents committed to high academic achievement of students; (2) problems associated with social promotion can be resolved through providing high-quality training and education for our teachers and using other proven practices; and (3) states should adopt high, rigorous standards and standards-based assessments to require academic accountability with the specific aim of ending social promotion and raising student achievement. The resolution was introduced by Mr. Martinez and Mr. Riggs and was reported by the Education & the Workforce Committee by voice vote.

Additional Information: See *Legislative Digest*, Vol. XXVII, #16, June 12, 1998.



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